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Docket No. 3499-249

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL****MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a utility patent application

Of: David Lawrence

For: INDEPENDENT RESEARCH CONSENSUS EARNINGS ESTIMATES AND  
METHODS OF DETERMINING SUCH

ENCLOSED are the following:

1. ☒ Specification (9 pages), abstract (1 page), claims (6 pages) and coversheet (1 page) (17 pages)
2. ☒ Sheets of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawings (Figs. 1-6)

Suggested Figure for Publication: 1

3. ☒ Declaration  
☐ signed ☒ unsigned  
☐ Copy from a prior application (for continuation/divisional)
4. ☐ Application Data Sheet
5. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
6. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449
7. ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation sheet (*Fee calculated separately*)
8. ☐ The prior application is assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

The assignment was recorded on \_\_\_\_\_ at reel \_\_\_\_\_ and frame \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ A copy of the assignment from the prior application is enclosed.

9. ☐ Non-Publication Request
10. ☐ Other:

**NOTE the following:**

11. ☐ This application is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (b) and is a  
☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-In-Part ☐ Divisional
12. ☐ An Extension of time is filed concurrently herewith for the parent application.

## 13. Small Entity Status:

☐ Applicant is a small entity14. ☒ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 119:15. ☐ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120:Serial Number  
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**FILING FEE:** calculated below (after accounting for any preliminary amendment or claims cancellations if noted above):

Basic Filing Fee			\$770.00
Total No. Claims 24	Extra Claims(Total-20) 4	Fee / claim \$18.00	\$72.00
Total No. Independent Claims 4	Extra Independ.(No.-3) 1	Fee / claim \$86.00	\$86.00
Multiple dependent claim? + \$280			\$290.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>			\$1,218.00
Small Entity? less 50%			-0.00
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>			\$1,218.00

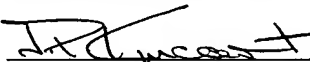
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16. ☒ Deposit Account No. 50-0521.

In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted in the pending prior application, and in the event that a separate petition for the pending prior application is not filed on even date, applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time in the pending prior application of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due in connection with such a petition to Deposit Account No. 50-0521. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0521.

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Respectfully submitted,

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